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Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Norman Dorsen-Ira Glasser/ACLU case. I certainly understand your sentiments, although my function as a reporter is to report the fact, without judgment one way or another.

I certainly hope that you have contacted the ACLU about this matter and let them know how you feel. I'm afraid there is nothing I can do for you.

But thank you for thinking of the Times, and in the future you probably would want to address a subject like this to the op-ed page editor. Perhaps then they will want to use it for publication.

Sincerely,

*Hedrick Smith*

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Signed in his absence.